



## **Resolution No. 2016-02**

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BRENTWOOD, MARYLAND URGING THE GOVERNOR AND MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO REINSTATE STATE SHARED REVENUE WHICH HAS BEEN DIVERTED FROM MARYLAND CITIES AND TOWNS TO FUND STATE OPERATIONS; OR REQUESTING THEY PROVIDE FOR A MORE DIVERSE REVENUE RAISING AUTHORITY FOR MUNICIPALITIES**

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**WHEREAS**, The State has slashed essential State-shared revenue which historically have provided to municipal government, on average, by more than 75% for this current fiscal year and by more than 90% for many municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, future budgets approved by the Administration and the Maryland General Assembly continue these significant and untenable cuts to cities and towns; and

**WHEREAS**, municipal governments more than any other government form in Maryland rely on the property tax as their primary revenue source; and

**WHEREAS**, increases in property tax rates, cutbacks in local service provision, elimination of local road projects, and reductions in workforce are the sole options left to municipalities to offset this devastating loss of general fund revenues; and incorporated municipalities extremely narrow taxing authority prevent them from raising alternative funds to lost highway user revenues and police aid that have been diverted to balance the state's general fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the issue of is of significant importance to the Town of Brentwood and it is critical that the Administration and Maryland General Assembly take action need to rectify this serious problem; and

**WHEREAS**, The Mayor and Council of the Town of Brentwood supports the efforts of the Maryland Municipal League to reinstate lost state funding for municipal governments and to create alternative municipal funding mechanisms;

**NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Brentwood requests that the Governor for this upcoming fiscal years, to submit a proposed budget to the General Assembly reinstating to municipal governments full funding for highway user revenues; or the Maryland General Assembly enact and the Governor sign into law enabling legislation to significantly reduce the reliance of cities and towns on the property tax to fund their municipal government services.

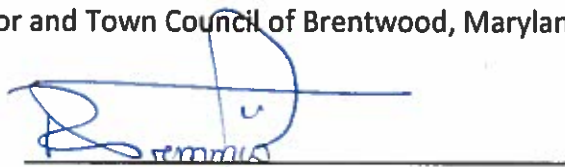
**Adopted by the Mayor and Town Council this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016**

**ATTEST/WITNESS:**

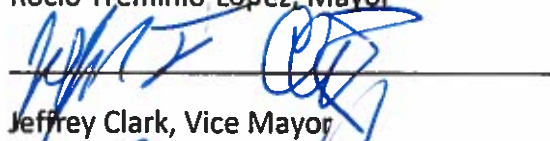
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Town Clerk

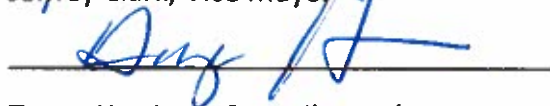
**Mayor and Town Council of Brentwood, Maryland**

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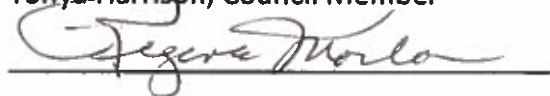
Rocio Treminio-Lopez, Mayor

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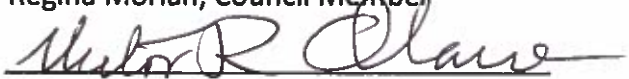
Jeffrey Clark, Vice Mayor

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Tonya Harrison, Council Member

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Regina Morlan, Council Member

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Victor Olano, Council Member